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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09BERLIN561	2009-05-14 16:24	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Berlin

Appears in these articles:

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Classified By: Global Affairs Unit Chief Don L. Brown for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- [1](#). (S//NF) SUMMARY: Germany is taking concrete steps to achieve a full-spectrum, overhead reconnaissance capability by adding a space-based HI
- [2](#). (S//NF) On 8 April 2009, US National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) officers met with German Intelligence Service (BND) officials to HIROS IS CRITICAL FOR INTELLIGENCE AND GOOD FOR JOBS

- [3](#). (S//NF) Over the past three years, Germany has successfully fielded an impressive array of space-based radar and multispectral collectors a GERMANY'S HIROS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- [4](#). (S//NF) Germany intends to develop HIROS through a DLR (German Space Agency) /EADS Astrium public private partnership (PPP). The division c
- [5](#). (S//NF) As envisioned, HIROS would consist of three electro-optical (EO) satellites and may also incorporate an infra-red (IR) sensor capab GERMANY OPTS FOR LOWER RESOLUTION TO AVOID EXPORT RESTRICTION

- [6](#). (S//NF) Germany chose 0.5 meter resolution for their HIROS based on a balance of cost factors and their ability to commercially export HiR GERMANY SEES REAL VALUE IN 3D POST-PROCESSING

- [7](#). (S//NF) The real value that Germany sees in an indigenous HIROS system stems not only from the data independence it would offer, but also f GERMANY EYES CLOSER GEOINT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USG

- [8](#). (S//NF) The BND stressed that having their own national space-based reconnaissance assets will enable them to be a better partner with the Koenig